

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3, 5-14, 17-22, 24-29 and 31 remain in the application. Applicant appreciates and acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-3, 5-13, 21, 22, 24 and 25. Claims 4, 15, 16, 23 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 16-17 and 29-30 have also been indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Claims 14, 15, and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a). All of the features of allowable claim 16 as well as claim 15 have been incorporated into claim 14 from which claims 15-16 depend. Claims 18-20 depend directly from amended claim 14. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14 and 18-20 is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-28 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). All of the features of allowable claim 30 have been incorporated into claim 26 from which claim 30 directly depends. Claims 27, 28 and 31 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 26. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 26-28 and 31 is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite

prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HON-14853.

Respectfully submitted,

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